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SUBJ: SIHANOUK DEPRESSED AFTER HANOI TRIP

DAILY TELEGRAPH PEKING CORRESPONDENT CLARE HOLLINGWORTH, PRESENT IN HONG KONG, TOLD CONGENOFF THAT HUGH GIBB, HONG KONG DOCUMENTARY FILM MAKER, MET WITH SIHANOUK IN PEKING FEBRUARY 20 AND FOUND THE PRINCE MOROSE. GIBB, WHO FILMED A SIHANOUK INTERVIEW TWO OR SO YEARS AGO, TOLD HOLLINGWORTH HERE FEBRUARY 21 THAT SIHANOUK SAID IT WAS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY HE WOULD EVER RETURN TO CAMBODIA AND THAT HE WAS THINKING OF GOING TO LIVE IN FRANCE. THE CHINESE WOULD NEVER TURN HIM OUT BUT HE DID NOT WISH TO EMBARRASS THEM BY STAYING ON WHEN IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE HAD NO USEFUL ROLE TO PLAY IN CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS. GIBB SAID SIHANOUK LEFT LITTLE DOUBT THAT HIS DEPRESSION STEMMED FROM HIS RECENT VISIT TO HANOI (FEBRUARY 9-15) BUT WOULD SAY NOTHING ABOUT WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED THERE.
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